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### **South Phoenix Regional Partnership Council**

#### **Committee Update**

**May 7, 2013**

- **Developmental and Sensory Screening:**

The subcommittee convened on March 4<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Meeting consisted of planning session on March 4<sup>th</sup> followed by a larger meeting held on March 27<sup>th</sup> with local community stakeholders engaged in developmental and sensory screening. Based on the strategic planning session conducted by Dr. Cathy Martinez, a summary document was prepared that included feedback to questions and full SWOT results. Dr. Merk and Dr. Martinez are working on a summary 'findings' sheet that will be shared with the Regional Council in the coming weeks. It is estimated that the work moving forward could occur in three phases that includes coalition/capacity building with partners, model development for service coordination and screenings and action planning. This may be a new strategy for the region in lieu of the developmental and sensory screening strategy. The phases could take up 8-12 months.

- **Special Populations:**

- Play and Learn Sessions for Homeless Children/Families: the Regional Council received authorization from Alex Turner, Assistant Attorney General, and Dr. Aaliyah Samuel, to move ahead with the strategy. Based on this update, the Regional Director submitted the formal request for the drafting of the scope of work to the program division.
- Parent Education and Community Based Training, special focus on parents who have been incarcerated but do not have an active CPS case. There has been a special interest and focus by the Regional Council to increase male involvement in parenting activities, and has an increased focus for this strategy to increase father involvement.
- Service Coordination for Kinship Care Providers, the Regional Director submitted the formal request for the drafting of the scope of work to the program division.
- Due to timing these approaches to funding parent education/community based training will require the establishment of a new strategy. The expectation is that the strategy would re-align with the next three year cycle for Family Resource Center RFGA's for SFY16.
- Also, the Kinship Care Service Coordination would be a new strategy for the region and would require the establishment/decision by Council to move forward with implementation.
- Each of these funding/program objectives could be accomplished by 1<sup>st</sup> quarter in SFY14 (possibly by September 1<sup>st</sup>).